

SHOT IN THE HAT, FRIGHT KILLS DANDY

Fugitive Pursued by Angry
Husband Jumps Over a
Fence and Dies.

COMPANION HIT IN HAND

Homicide Charge Stands
Against Assailant, Though
No Bullet Landed.

Children at play, mothers wheeling baby carriages and men intent on business who were near the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church at 174th street and Wadsworth avenue yesterday afternoon heard the crack of a pistol. They looked up to see a blond Italian with baggy trousers pointing a pistol toward two fellow countrymen.

Blood spurted from the hand of a swarthy, thick set man, the shorter of the two, and he turned his back on the pistol. Another shot was fired and the short man increased his speed, blood dripping on the sidewalk. The other man, who was the object of the pistol fire, was tall, with neatly pressed clothes, polished shoes and the air of a dandy. At the first pistol shot he too turned.

Then came another report and another. His hat, perforated by one of the bullets, was tossed from his head, but the dandy kept on, chasing the air in his frenzy to get away. Then came the fifth shot, that went wild, and the dandy fairly jumped into the air in his desperate hurry. He raced toward St. Nicholas avenue, his eyes working with fright.

Fugitive Leaps a Fence.
Suddenly he leaped a low wooden fence and rolled over. He lay immovable as the man with the tawny hair turned and walked toward Broadway, carefully sticking the revolver in his pocket.

The dandy did not move and hundreds of men, women and children gathered to gaze at him. Presently an ambulance surgeon arrived and making a hasty examination could find no trace of a bullet—no wound of any kind. The body was carried to the St. Nicholas avenue police station, where a more thorough examination was made, but still no wound could be found. Finally the doctor announced that the man must have died of fright, but suggested that an autopsy be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

The man was Felipo Caudio, 40 years old, a saloon keeper at 1110 Intervale avenue, The Bronx. Search of his pockets justified the appellation of dandy for he carried little sacks of scent in his pockets and it was apparent that he gave special attention to his dress. His companion, who after running several blocks finally stopped, is Benedetto Fatta, a partner of Caudio, who lives in 442 East 112th street. His wound proved of little consequence and was quickly bandaged.

The assailant is Pasquale Epitito, 41 years old, who lives at 4144 Broadway, between 175th and 176th streets, and does odd jobs. After emptying his revolver he hurried back to his home and along a long siletto, which he carried. He then ran into the house at 4144 Broadway and hid in a closet in the kitchen.

The Assailant Surrenders.

Patrolman Glynn, who has won a star for life saving, followed closely, in company with Patrolman Bauer. Glynn pulled his revolver and announced he would count three and if the Italian did not come out at the third count he would fire. The Italian remained hidden until the patrolman shouted three, when he emerged with hands up.

"That tall man," he said afterward to Assistant District Attorney Deacon Murphy, "has been annoying my wife and trying to get her to go away. I moved upstairs to get away from him, but he followed her. I do not know the other man, but I was in the yard this afternoon fixing a swing for my children when I saw them go past the house. I went away for a minute and then I saw one of them making signs to my wife. I ordered them away and the tall man threatened me. I got a knife and a revolver and then I meant only to scare them and not to kill."

Epitito was locked up on a charge of homicide, felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law. Mr. Murphy explained that even though no bullet was found, the charge of homicide would stand even though fright was the actual cause of death.

Caudio was married and lived above his saloon. His bank account was in the name of his wife. The saloon he ran is called the Nut Cafe.

CAISSON TRAGEDY A MYSTERY.

Bodies of Engineer and Superintendent Taken From River.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., May 21.—Coroner Phelan inquest today into the deaths of Engineer Robert G. Dewar and Superintendent Joseph Culp in the collapse of a sixty foot caisson in Norwalk River last night. On occasion the mystery as to the cause of the collapse.

Dewar designed the caisson to withstand twice the pressure possible to put upon it. The only conclusion was that the shoring was faulty or had been tampered with.

C. L. Barton of the McHarg-Barton Company, the contractors; Inspector Pagon and other officials testified that there was a cracking and a crumbling for fifteen minutes before the final crash. The bodies of the victims were recovered to-day and the work of removing the debris was continued, as it was reported that one or two more bodies were still under the debris, forty feet beneath the surface of the river.

Foreman Guy Masters and William Hallowell are still in the hospital, but it is not thought that either will die.

ZENROSE VICTOR BY 125,000.

Dimmick Won Nomination for Senator on Keystone Ticket.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Returns from distant parts of the State indicate that when the votes at Tuesday's primary have all been counted they will show that Senator Penrose won the Republican nomination for United States Senator over J. Benjamin Dimmick of Scranton by approximately 125,000. Forty-two of the sixty-seven counties gave Penrose 167,145 votes to 57,537 for Dimmick.

Although defeated on the Republican ticket, Dimmick, it appears, has won a nomination for the Senate. Leaders of the Keystone party here announced that the Scranton candidate won on their ticket and Dimmick was notified of this last night.

Judge Charles N. Brannan, defeated by William Prager Thaw for the Washington party nomination for Governor, is said to have won the Keystone nomination also.

MOTHER TRIES TO DRAG TWO CHILDREN IN FRONT OF TRAIN

Mrs. Mary McDonald With Her Little Ones
Attempts to Jump From Subway Station
Platform, but Is Prevented.

A woman holding a little boy's hand with one of her own and a little girl's with the other, ran to the edge of the platform in the Fourteenth street subway station at 10 o'clock last night as a north-bound express train was pulling into the station and cried hysterically, "We will all die together!"

William J. Kelly of 219 East Seventy-seventh street, ran forward and grabbed the woman as the train came closer. She tried to fight him off and released the two children. Others caught the children and drew them back from the edge of the platform, while Kelly pinioned the struggling woman's arms and threw her back to safety as the train passed.

The woman sobbed and tried to free herself, but after a moment became more calm and sat on the station stairs. An ambulance surgeon found she had been suffering from an attack of hysteria, which by that time had passed. He took her and the two children to the East Twenty-second street police station in the ambulance.

At the station house the woman said she was Mrs. Mary McDonald, 35 years old, of 1508 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, and the children were her son, Thomas, 8 years old, and her daughter, Lenora, 6. She refused to say anything more about herself or why she had sought to end her life and the lives of her children. She was taken to the East Thirty-fifth street station, where there is a matron, and locked up a charge of attempting suicide.

The children remained behind in the East Twenty-second street station waiting to be taken to the Children's Society's rooms, and Thomas told the story his mother had refused to tell. He said that his father, Andrew McDonald, a plumber, had made good money, and the family was happy until six months ago, when the father left his job. There is no more money, the boy said, and his father sometimes does not come home for a week at a time. His mother finally obtained a job as janitress in the flat house where they live.

Last night, the boy went on, the mother and children went to see Mrs. McDonald's sister, Mrs. Alwer, at 70 Norwood avenue, Brooklyn, and the mother and aunt talked about the family troubles. His mother cried, he said. When they left his aunt's home instead of returning to their own home his mother took his sister and himself to the subway and came to New York.

While they were in the subway train, Thomas continued, his mother talked to him, because he was older than his sister. She told him, he said, that she was suffering so much that she was going to take him and Lenora with her.

"Don't be frightened," the boy said his mother told him, "when I take you back by the hand and we jump on the track together."

Thomas promised, but he couldn't help being frightened when they left the train at Fourteenth street and stood on the platform. Then another train came, and his mother took his hand and his sister's and ran to the edge of the platform. They were just going to jump when the man grabbed his mother.

"I'm glad he did," the boy said, "because I was scared."

Meanwhile Mary Goodman, a girl of 18, lay across her machine on the third floor. Her hair had been torn from her head as there was a gash across her face. Dr. Kuttel of New York Hospital was bending over her, and it was hard for him to tell just what had happened. She said she had leaned over to pick up a comb and that was all she remembered. She didn't want to go to the hospital, she said, because her mother was ill and alone at their home at 286 Brook avenue, The Bronx. But she went to the hospital, and it is said there that that she may not recover.

The third floor of the building is occupied by M. A. Kaplan & Co., makers of waists. They use electrical power, and some one shut it off the moment Mary Goodman lay across the machine.

The girls working with her didn't know afterward just why they had screamed. Battalion Chief McGuire said a fine fire escape equipment and a fire drill to which most of the girls responded despite their excitement had undoubtedly prevented a catastrophe.

TAFT AGAINST SLICK LAWYERS.

Advices Albany Law Students to Shun Shady Tricks.

ALBANY, May 21.—Ex-President Taft gave the students of the Albany Law School a lesson in "legal ethics" to-day in the presence of Gov. Glynn and other State officials. He advised against the practice of "slick tricks" by young lawyers, asserting that it hurt their standing. He also advised against advertising by lawyers, saying:

"The traditions of the profession are against it. In the first place, if advertising were indulged in by the profession it would greatly increase the expenses of a lawyer. In the next place it would tend to competition, and that would have a tendency to stir up litigation. This is the real evil that ought to be avoided."

TO CUT HIS INITIALS IN AIR.

Beachey Promises to Perform Feat at Brighton Beach To-day.

Lincoln Beachey, the only aviator that other aviators will admit is a good flier, opens today three days of trick flying at Brighton Beach to-day, rain, shine or cyclone. He will race his biplane against Barney Oldfield's 300 horse-power Christie car, cut aerial spirals, loop the loop and fly upside down.

"About the only thing I haven't done is to cut my initials in the air," he said. "I think I can do that."

He took a pencil and drew his initials as they might appear against the horizon, calculated every turn of his machine and the distance from the ground.

"Yes, I can do it," he said. "To make the first part of the B it will mean flying straight up in the air. I could not have done that before I built this new machine. But this motor has the power and I did it in Chicago. I will cut my initials against the skyline to-morrow."

Glenn H. Curtiss has invited Beachey to fly the Langley aeroplane, the Smithsonian Institution relic that is being tuned up at the Curtiss factory in Hammondsport. Beachey declined the invitation, so Mr. Curtiss will fly the machine himself in the trials over Lake Keuka next week.

Beachey's exhibition this afternoon will be from 3 until 5 o'clock. He makes four flights each day.

Two Bodies Found in East River.

The bodies of two men were picked up yesterday on the Brooklyn river front. One, found at the foot of Washington street, was that of a man about 50 years old. He wore a black suit. The other was picked up at the foot of Twenty-third street. This man was about 45 years old, with red hair and mustache, and wore a black suit.

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GIRL'S HAIR IS TORN OFF BY SHAFING

Other Workers Take Up Scream
and Hundreds Start for
Fire Escapes.

NARROWLY AVERT PANIC

Firemen Turn Women Back
and Find Victim on Sewing Machine.

A girl's anguished scream as her long hair went twisting around the shaft under a sewing machine at which she worked in a West Twentieth street loft building set the hearts of her companions fluttering yesterday afternoon. There was a moment of silence and then a hundred or more girls shrieked out their fear. Before any one could quiet them they were running about, clinging to each other and working their way to the open windows.

Down in the street a man heard the cries. One glance at the twelve story loft building at No. 143 and he was off to a fire alarm at Sixth avenue. Then the clang of bells and shriek of sirens, the swift clatter of hoofs and above it all the voices of women calling for help. But level heads and careful drilling quieted the panic. When the firemen arrived a thousand girls were coming slowly down the fire escapes, hardly seeming to know what they did, but getting down.

Acting Deputy Chief Smokey Joe Martin and Battalion Chief McGuire got there quickly. They saw immediately that there was a comb and that was all the girls were holding. They urged the frightened women back. More than 2,000 persons, mostly women, are employed on the twelve floors of the building. Many of the girls were crying and some were faint. The firemen told them to, but the others were not reassured until the building was emptied. Then they went back to work.

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WRIGHT SAYS ATLANTIC AIR TRIP IS IMPOSSIBLE

Can't Carry Enough Fuel, but With Improved Motors Flight May Be Made.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—A transatlantic flight of 1,900 miles by aeroplane is impossible at the present stage of aeroplane development, according to Orville Wright, the American aeroplane inventor, now visiting Philadelphia.

"More than one-half the weight carried by an aeroplane on such a trip would have to be fuel, and that is impossible," he said.

"A journey of this distance has never been made over the land, and it is advisable to try it over the sea," asked Mr. Wright. "I do not think so, and I have figured it out. Atwood, the aviator, came to me a short time ago and asked me what I thought about it. I then went to work on the problem and decided that with our present form of motors the feat was impossible."

"According to my calculations it would be impossible to carry enough fuel to keep on the present type of the world flights continuously for 1,900 miles. Our present form of motor is wasteful and we must increase motor efficiency before we attempt transatlantic flights. It might be all right if the aviator could alight at intervals for fuel."

"I don't believe any aviator will make the attempt, despite considerable talk of transatlantic flights around the world flights, until we have different motors and a better ratio of success in our favor."

MIST STOPS NILES'S FLIGHT.

It Conceals Liberty Statue and Prevents Fancy Stunts.

Charles E. Niles did not loop in the air over the Statue of Liberty yesterday afternoon. If he had made the flight as scheduled his air stunts could have been seen from the Battery. The Statue of Liberty was barely visible and at times could not be distinguished through the mist.

Niles took up the new machine Alfred J. Moisant has just built for the Mexican rebels and with William A. Staats, Gen. Carranza's New York agent, in the passenger seat, he soared 3,500 feet above Hempstead Plains yesterday afternoon. At 500 feet high the machine could not be seen from the hangars and 1,000 feet Niles could not see the ground.

It was useless to try the flight from Hempstead Plains to Governors Island, and it could only have been done by crossing Brooklyn at a low altitude in violation of the overcity rule of the Aero Club of America.

Mr. Staats has his trial flight and accepted the machine for Gen. Carranza yesterday. Title to the monoplane is now in the rebel General and Mr. Moisant's contract will not allow the machine to make another flight. It will be taken apart to await shipping instructions from Mr. Staats.

But Niles has promised to give New Yorkers a public looping exhibition off the Battery and he will do so as soon as his own new machine is ready. The aeroplane that Niles has been using for his trick flying at Hempstead was smashed in landing several weeks ago.

COMPENSATION LAWS ABUSED.

A. H. Mowbray Says Workmen Present Many Fake Claims.

Experience shows that when a workman's compensation law becomes well known a large number of fake claims are made and paid, according to Albert H. Mowbray, who spoke yesterday when the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Actuarial Society of America, composed of 200 of the leading life insurance actuaries of the country, was opened in the Hotel Astor. The increase was rapid, he said, and was due to employees becoming expert in abuse of the law.

New officers elected were: President, James M. Craig; vice-president, William A. Hutchison; secretary, R. Henderson; treasurer, D. G. Alsop; members of the counsel, Arthur Hunter, E. B. Morris and A. B. Wood.

David Parks Fackler, founder of the society, was one of the principal speakers at the banquet held in the evening. Other speakers were James M. Craig and Arthur Hunter.

NEW YORK READY TO BUILD HUDSON BRIDGE

Jersey Freeholders Are Assured State Will Supply Its Share of \$53,000,000.

New York and New Jersey members of the Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission met yesterday at the Lawyers Club with representatives of the Boards of Freeholders of Hudson, Essex, Bergen, Union and Passaic counties, New Jersey, for a final discussion of the advantage to be gained by the construction of a bridge and tunnels to cost approximately \$53,000,000 for vehicular traffic between New York and New Jersey.

The object of the discussion was to get the freeholders present to go back to their boards with the word that they ought immediately to request the Governor of New Jersey to name three commissioners from each county with authority to select a site for the bridge, prepare plans and to estimate the cost of the proposed improvements.

A law passed by the New Jersey Legislature last month makes it possible for the Governor to name these commissioners at the request of three or more counties which desire an interstate bridge. The cost to each county for preparation of plans and estimates must not exceed \$10,000, and before the construction of the bridge or tunnels is begun the project must be approved by the Board of Freeholders of each of the counties asking for the appointment of a commission.

Similar enabling legislation has not yet been passed by the New York State Board of Estimate as to the advisability of building a bridge and tunnels does not exist in the five New Jersey counties represented. Hudson and Bergen counties were represented by persons enthusiastically in favor of the project. The representatives of Essex indicated that they are not. Union and Passaic counties, which would be least benefited probably are still seeking information on the subject.

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